

Sangamon County Regional Plan

Introductory Meeting for Municipal
Officials



What is this all about?



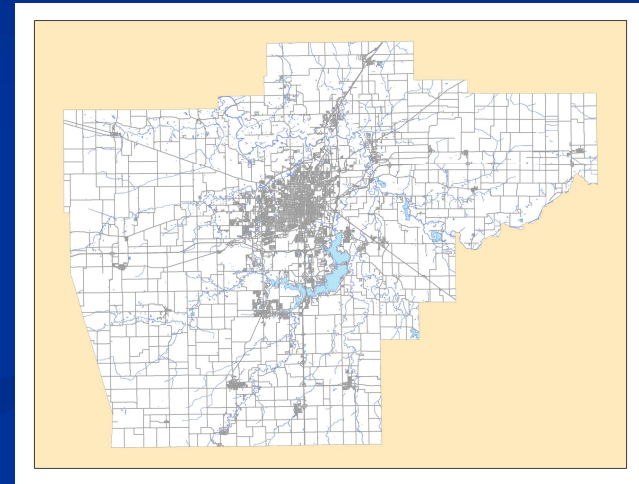
- More-and-more, regional success is a factor in local success.
- Planning strategically and comprehensively increases everyone's chances for success.
- Local interest and guidance are critical to this planning.

What's suggested?

- **Development of a comprehensive plan for the region addressing:**

- Environment & natural resources.
- Economic development & technology.
- Transportation & infrastructure.
- Housing & neighborhoods.
- Public amenities.
- Land use & development in unincorporated areas.

- **Establish where we want the region to be by 2030.**



How would it be done?



- Over a series of five steps.
- Guided by the municipal officials in the area.
- Staffed by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.
- Assisted by subject area technical specialists who volunteer to serve.

Step 1: Get Organized

- Get agreement from communities willing to take part.
- Establish **Policy Committee** made up of municipal officials in region.
- Establish **Technical Group** representing subject specialists in six target subject areas. Members are chairs of Study Groups.



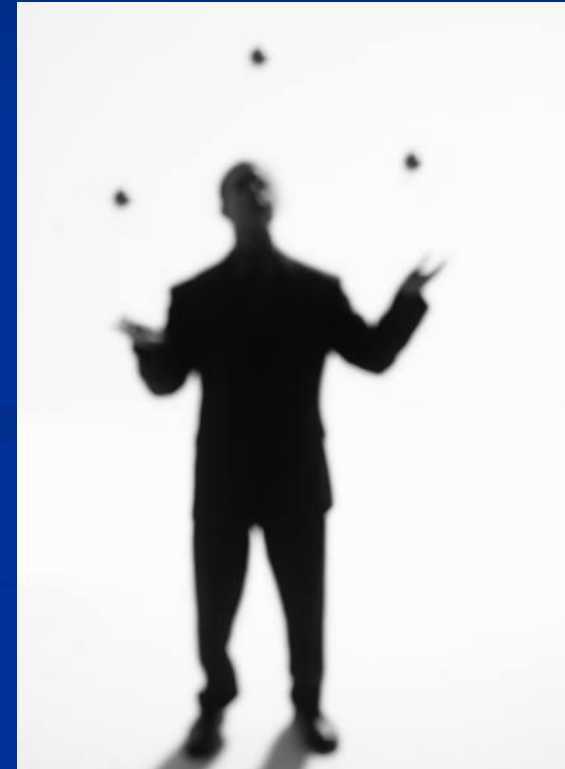
Step 2: Gather background information & get public input



- Where the region has been.
- Where the region is now.
- Where the region appears to be going.

Step 3: Develop & Approve Priorities

- Based on background information and public input:
 - Study Groups identify suggested priorities for long-term success.
 - Technical Advisory Group distills and make recommendation to Policy Committee.
 - Policy Committee selects priorities.



Step 4: Identify & Adopt Strategies



- Based upon priorities selected, Study Groups will assess the options to address them for consideration by Policy Committee.
- Policy Committee will select strategies best suited to priorities and region.

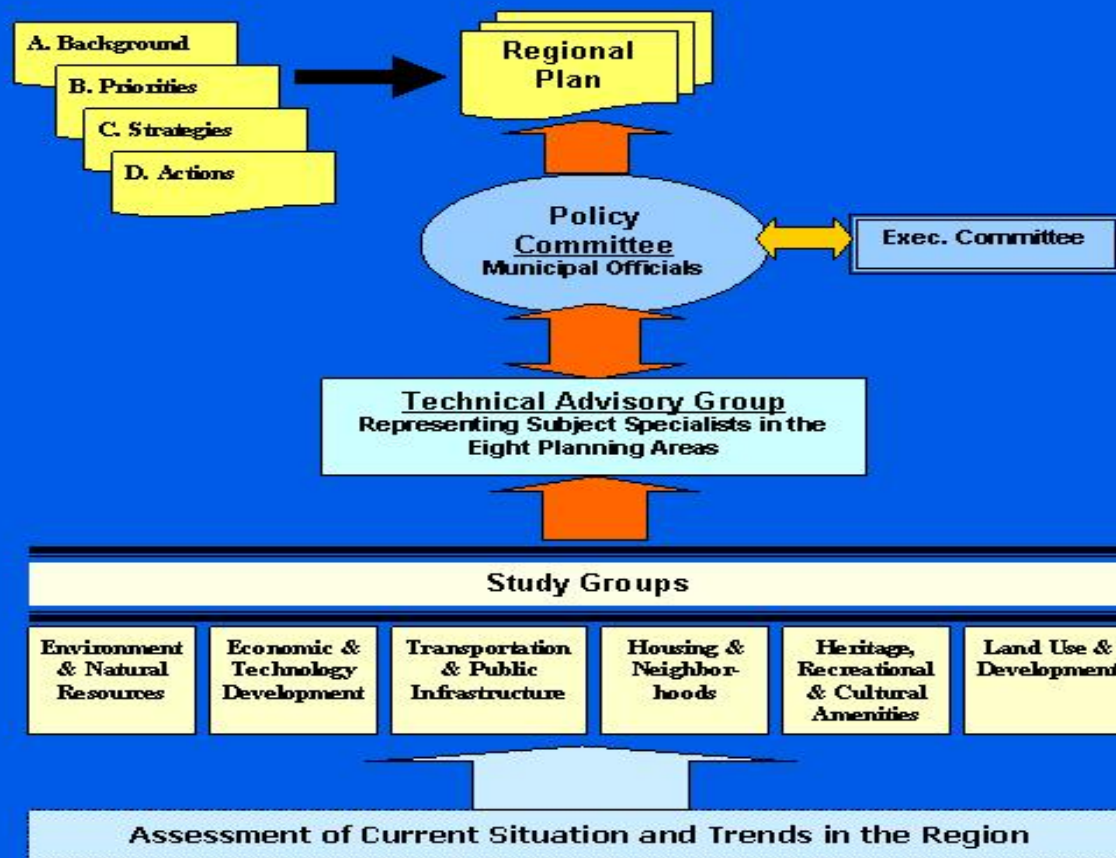
Step 5: Review and Adopt Plan.

- Strategies are teamed with background information and priorities as plan for the region.
- Plan is adopted by Policy Committee:
 - Any joint initiatives identified.
 - Local action plans contemplated.



How this process looks

The Sangamon Regional Plan Project Organizational Structure



Benefits

- Strengthens region and communities in it.
- Provides useful input for local plans.
- Supports economic development & place marketing activities.
- Could increase local grant opportunities.
- More-and-more regional plans becoming an expectation not an exception: gets us out ahead of the curve.

Your actions now

- Agree to take part and formalize participation by resolution.
- Identify individual to represent you on Policy Committee.
- Suggest individuals in your community willing to chair or serve on a Study Group.